

KITSAP COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA
DBA KITSAP TRANSIT
Kitsap County, Washington
January 1, 1993 Through December 31, 1993

Schedule Of Findings

1. The Transit Should Devise A Valid Method To Ensure An Accurate Count Of Passengers That It Pays For

During the first ten months of 1994, Kitsap Transit paid a local company, Horluck Ferry, approximately \$295,000 to carry passengers between Bremerton and Port Orchard. Kitsap Transit relied on the ferry company to tell them how many passengers with transit passes rode on the ferry boats each month. The transit then paid Horluck Ferry for each of these passengers.

During the year, the transit counted ferry riders one day a week. This was done to provide some basis to verify Horluck Ferry's count. However, the transit's statistical analysis was not sufficient to validate, with any degree of reasonable accuracy, Horluck's count.

RCW 43.09.200 states in part:

The accounts shall show . . . all receipts, vouchers and other documents kept, or required to be kept, necessary to isolate and prove the validity of every transaction.

By allowing the ferry company to take the passenger count, and bill the transit based on this count, the transit did not assure itself that it received the service it paid for.

Kitsap Transit entered into this agreement in order to entice commuters to use the ferry boat to reduce the length of single occupant vehicle commuter trips.

We recommend Kitsap Transit implement the necessary controls to ensure it receives the services it pays for.